

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A tobacco smoke filter which has a tar retention of at most 50% and comprises a relatively high draw resistance downstream filtering plug of at most 50% tar retention, a relatively low draw resistance upstream filter plug of at most 22% tar retention spaced longitudinally upstream therefrom, and a filter wrapper engaging around and joining the spaced plugs to define a cavity therebetween.

2. (Original) A filter according to claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of from 40 to 130 mm.WG.

3. (Original) A filter according to claim 2 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of from 60 to 110 mm.WG.

4. (Currently Amended) A filter according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the downstream filtering plug has a tar retention of from 35 to 45%.

5. (Currently Amended) A filter according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of up to 20 mm.WG.

6. (Currently Amended) A filter according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a draw resistance of to 8 to 16 mm.WG.

7. (Currently Amended) A filter according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the upstream filtering plug has a tar retention of from 14 to 20%.

8. (Currently Amended) A filter according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the filter wrapper is a ventilating wrapper.

9. (Original) A filter according to claim 8 wherein the filter wrapper is of air-permeable material and/or has one or more ventilating apertures in register with the cavity.

10. (Currently Amended) A filter cigarette comprising a filter according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 joined at its upstream end to a wrapped tobacco rod, a pathway being provided for the passage of external ventilating air laterally into the cavity.

11. (Original) A filter cigarette according to claim 10 wherein filter and wrapped tobacco rod are joined by ring tipping.

12. (Original) A filter cigarette according to claim 10 wherein filter and wrapped tobacco rod are joined by a full tipping overwrap, the filter wrapper and overwrap together providing a pathway for external ventilating air to pass laterally therethrough into the cavity.

13. (Original) A filter cigarette according to claim 12 wherein the filter wrapper is of air-permeable material and the tipping overwrap has one or more ventilating apertures in register with the cavity.

14. (Original) A filter cigarette according to claim 12 wherein the tipping overwrap has one or more ventilating

apertures in register with one or more ventilating apertures in the filter wrapper and with the cavity.

15. (Currently Amended) A filter cigarette according to ~~any of claims 10 to 14~~ claim 10 having a CO delivery of less than 5 mg. and a CO/tar delivery ratio of less than 0.7.

16. (Currently Amended) A multiple length filter rod comprising a plurality of filters according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 joined integrally end-to-end in mirror image relationship.